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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR PERFORMING TYPE  
CHECKING FOR  
HARDWARE DEVICE  
NODES IN A  
GRAPHICAL PROGRAM

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
OCTOBER 5, 2004**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 5, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.